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The Soc of Miss. Inq. of Brown Univ to the
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Dear Brethren

Without burdening you with useless apologies, (a practice so common with dilatory Correspondents) permit us at once to speak out the honest feelings which occupy our hearts. Your letter was welcomed by us on its reception, and we rejoice in the privilege of adding yours to our lists of Kindred societies, with whom it is our pleasure to correspond. We think we love the Cause of our Great Redeemer, and wherever there may be those who are laboring for the promotion of His Cause, there are our sympathies. Personal, or denominational distinctions are easily passed over by those whose love for the Saviour's Cause constrains them to good words and works. When the spirit of controversy shall give place to the spirit of love and good will to all men, when Christians of every name shall join hands in the glorious work of spreading the knowledge of Christ Crucified, as the Sinner's hope, then may we look for a more speedy evangelization.

But your letter requests intelligence concerning "the state of piety, & missionary spirit among us". We would that we could tell you of many

wanderers coming home to God, their forsaken "Father in Heaven". Our Class and general prayer meetings have been rather more interesting of late than for some time previous. We lament however that too many who go through a Collegiate Course lose their piety. It is a sad fact which cannot fail to be noticed, that many who enter College with hearts warmed by the love of Christ, and beating in unison with His, leave, on graduating, with little or no love to Christ, and with but a faint desire, if any, to further the work of human redemption. We hope for better times among us, and we desire to do what we can to produce them. We have a large field here in which to manifest our zeal for God's service. We have a Religious Soc with which nearly all the pious students are connected.

Our Soc for Mg. is composed of those only who intend to devote their lives to the work of the Gospel Ministry. Our meetings however are open to all members of the University. We have hitherto met on the first Monday evening in each month, but having lately made some alterations in our organization we propose to meet semi-monthly & devote one evening to a free interchange of opinion and feeling respecting Missionary subjects, and the other to the reading of reports, or addresses. We thus hope to kindle a spirit of holy enthusiasm in this best of causes. We cannot enumerate many who purpose to enter the

the foreign field who are now with us, though some such have left us for some years past, and in looking over the number of Laborers on distant shores we see the names of and a few who were once members of our Soc.

We feel that we should, (told) ourselves in a ready, waiting attitude, so that when the Lord Calls we can individually reply, "Here am I." In what direction can we turn, and find nothing to be done as the disciples of Him "Who went about doing good"? Whatever may be said of human progress, it requires but a single glance at the City or Country, whether at home or abroad, to learn that the "Field is still the world." That be may have with you, sufficient faith and humility to labor in any part of it is our sincere desire.

We request to be remembered in your prayers, while we would not forget you. Our work is a great one and where can we be better prepared for it than at the "Throne of Grace", where the honors and pleasures of worldly minds diminish, and the great interests of the Soul & Eternity, assume something of their real magnitude?

Begging your indulgence for so long a delay in answering your Communication, and for the imperfections of this, and hoping soon to receive a reply from yours, we are,

Yours Affect in the hope & Labor of the Gospel,

In behalf of Soc. Mis. Soc. — William Fitz
Com. Sec.